

II. REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A. Status of the Claims

Claims 74-106 have been cancelled herein without prejudice or admission.

Claims 1-12, 15, 17, 19-59, 61-65 and 67-73 are pending.

In the Office Action mailed on March 17, 2010, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-12, 15, 17, 19-59, 61, 62, 64, 65 and 67-73 are allowable and objected to claim 63 for depending in part from cancelled claim 14. In the Amendment filed on May 11, 2011, claim 63 was amended to delete dependency from cancelled claim 14. Accordingly, it is believed that the objection to claim 63 has been overcome, and that all of the pending claims (1-12, 15, 17, 19-59, 61-65 and 67-73) are in condition for allowance.

B. Substance of Interview

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.133, Applicants hereby make of record the substance of the telephone interview conducted on July 21, 2010, between the undersigned attorney and Examiner Humera N. Sheikh.

During the interview, the Examiner indicated that claims added in the Amendment filed on May 11, 2010, along with the request to declare an interference with U.S. patent application No. 10/667,676 (i.e., claims 74-106) appear to be directed to a different invention than the invention recited in present claims 1-12, 15, 17, 19-59, 61-65 and 67-73 and are restrictable.

The undersigned attorney indicated that the claims added in the Amendment filed on May 11, 2010 will be cancelled in a Supplemental Amendment, thereby rendering the restriction and the request to declare an interference with U.S. patent application No. 10/667,676 moot.

These claims have been cancelled in the present amendment.

Applicants thank Examiner Sheikh for taking the time to speak with the undersigned attorney and respectfully request that this Substance of Interview is made of record.

CONCLUSION

An allowance of the present application is earnestly solicited.

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